

IACC Meeting
CalEPA Building, Training Rooms 2 East and West
April 20, 2004

Attendees:

In Person: Barbara Washburn OEHHA; Barbara Todd DFA; Diane Edwards SWRCB; Diana Henriouille-Henry RWQCB1; Jack Gregg CCC; Jessie Maxfield SWRCB; John Turner CDFG; Karen Bane SCC; Kathy Brunetti CDPR; Ken Coulter SWRCB; Lisa Sniderman BCDC, Margie Read, SWRCB; Leslie Loudon, SWRCB-DFA; Steven Rodriguez SWRCB-DFA; Clay Brandow, CDF; Erick Berntsen, El Dorado County RCD; Stephen Reynolds, California Geological Survey (CGS); Bill Ryan, DTSC; Gina Goff, DBW; Cookie Hirn, SWRCB-DFA; Michell McGraw, RWQCB-5; Tina Yin, USEPA; Derek Lee, CCC; John Turner, CDFG; Michael Perez, RWQCB-8; Talitha Sweeney, RWQCB8; Rik Rasmussen, SWRCB-TMDL; John Andrew, DWR; Jarma Bennett, SWRCB; Syed Ali, SWRCB-DWQ; Michael August, DPR; Ken Decio, CIWMB; Ken Coulter, SWRCB

Phone Attendees: Dale Hopkins RWQCB2; Dana Stokes, CIWMB; Karen Bane, SCC; Macaria Flores, RWQCB4; Nadim Zeywar, RWQCB7; Ross Clark, CCC; Tracey Duffy, CCC, Logan Rob; Bruce Posthumus, RWQCB9; Betty Yee, RWQCB5; Cindy Wise, RWQCB6;

Intro's and Announcements

Joint CCC/SWRCB Hearing: Presentation on the NPS Program will be given to the California Coastal Commissioners and to the SWRCB Board Members May 13, 10:00 a.m. at the Marin Civic Center. IACC members are invited to attend this public meeting and can provide comment at that time.

CWC Discussion – Ken Coulter discussed the status of the CWC subgroups, which serve an advisory function to the agency sponsors. The MOU between CalEPA and CalRA is also being rewritten, and the addition of a Public Member signature on the MOU is being considered. More information on the CWC and subgroup recommendations are available at: http://cwp.resources.ca.gov/data_info_share.html

NPS Implementation Policy – A briefing paper was prepared by SWRCB NPS Staff for the IACC for the April meeting. Additionally, it was noted that the Policy will be presented to the SWRCB at the May workshop, and if it is approved at the Board meeting, it will be posted on the SWRCB NPS web site.

Project Funding

Leslie Laudon from SWRCB Division of Financial Assistance provided a spreadsheet on project funds (which was distributed to the IACC prior to the meeting), and gave an overview of the status of Propositions 40 and 50 current status and future plans for coordination of efforts internally and with other State agencies. Upon request at the meeting, Leslie also prepared a spreadsheet with information on the current status of the appropriations for the funds. This was distributed to the IACC on April 21. There was also a discussion of the use of 319(h) money to be used solely for Irrigated Agriculture .

At the time of the meeting, it was the understanding of DFA that there was an agreement to use the 319 funds in this way this year. Tina Yin, from USEPA did indicate that there may be some misunderstanding in this regard, and it may be necessary to modify the RFP accordingly. Jessie Maxfield also clarified for the group that Irrigated Agriculture included stormwater on agricultural lands. Further information on this will be provided, when it becomes clarified for the SWRCB. Guidelines will be posted the first week in May, and Workshops will be held in July.

NPS Implementation in TMDLs

Rik Rasmussen, TMDL Coordinator with the SWRCB, gave an update on the current status of TMDLs in California, particularly NPS TMDLs. A copy of the power point presentation that Rik utilized was sent to the IACC prior to the meeting. In particular, the relation to the implementation of the TMDLs and utilization of NPS Management Measures was discussed. Tracking these, and changes in beneficial uses will become more critical in the near future. Rik mentioned that agriculture accounts for most of the NPS water quality impairments. Pesticides are the biggest culprits, with metals close behind. Urban pesticide use is also a significant issue. The NPDES permits should be an integral part of the overall implementation scheme and, therefore, should be consistent with the TMDLs developed. There were some questions by the group regarding listing and delisting policies, and how it was that a TMDL was determined in the first place. Policies that are being developed for 303d listings are posted on the SWRCB web page.

Implementing the Five-Year Plan

Margie Lopez Read gave a summary of the status of the Five-Year Implementation Plan, and discussed the process for implementation of it through the various IACC Subcommittees. Some recommendations (also distributed to the IACC by email on April 21) that the subcommittees might consider in beginning this process are as follows:

- Review 5-year Plan Comment letters (in Appendices of Final Plan)
- Review Category Objectives for your Subcommittee
- Identify One-year Objectives for 2004-2008
- Consider developing specific, coordinated activities to meet those objectives?
- Consider developing a schedule for those activities.
- Develop performance indicators and measure(s) for one- and/or five-year objectives
- Establish a plan to monitoring the indicators
- Consider mechanisms for promoting funding of critical projects.
- Consider where it will be beneficial to include federal and local agencies and how to make this occur

The IACC Subcommittee Facilitators gave a summary of their subcommittee activities regarding NPS Implementation to date, as follows:

Agriculture (Jessie Maxfield) – The Ag. Subcommittee was originally formed to collaborate on 5-Year plan development with the vision that the group would later focus on coordination on Ag. issues and activities which would help to implement the 5-Year plan. We have met three times since November 17th of 2003. Our main focus right now is information exchange related the implementation of the Central Valley RWQCB's recently approved waiver for irrigated agriculture in the and the Central Coast's waiver which is being developed and will go to their Board for approval this summer. This is the Ag. issue that is demanding the most attention from agencies right now, and there is a strong need to coordinate activities related to waiver implementation. Attendees include representatives from state, local and federal agencies as well as representatives from watershed coalition groups, commodity groups, and UC Cooperative Extension. Meetings have been a forum for RWQCB staff to update attendees on the status of the waiver program as details are being resolved and provide attendees with an opportunity to ask specific questions. Meetings also provide attendees a chance to inform the RWQCB about their status in implementing the waiver and where they are at with their waiver deliverables. There has also been an emphasis on technology transfer at meetings. Several tools and resources to assist with waiver compliance have been presented at meetings. The future of the group will be to continue to meet as often as participants feel necessary. Topics that will need to be discussed which are already on the horizon are monitoring coordination, and the Agriculture Water Quality Grants Program which will provide funding for activities which reduce water quality impairments from irrigated agriculture related activities. If/when other RWQCB's develop similar programs, the group will need to expand to include local representatives from those areas.

Forestry (Margie Lopez Read) – The Forestry Subcommittee had not met since the development of the 5-year Plan Objectives for Forestry. However, the next meeting had already been scheduled for April 27th. There has been interagency activity with respect to NPS in forested lands, and this will be discussed, as well as appropriate activities and collaborative efforts that the subcommittee can become involved in over the next 12 months.

Urban (Tracey Duffey) – Tracey discussed the progress of California NEMO, which has been the main focus of the Urban Subcommittee since the development of 5-year Plan objectives. There was also discussion of some of the coordination with the Local Government Commission, and presentations that have taken place regarding NEMO and NPS pollution prevention for urban communities.

Marinas (Diane Edwards) – Diane discussed the progress being made in the Marinas Workgroup in meeting Marina Objectives. The Marinas Workgroup is coordinating efforts in the following areas: establishing regional standards for sewage disposal facilities in Regions 2, 4 and 8; evaluating water quality impacts associated with the use of copper-based boat hull paints through the “Copper Antifouling Paint Sub-Workgroup”; and, assessing available environmental services at marinas through the “Marinas Mapping Sub-Workgroup”. Other efforts include implementing education and outreach programs through the Boating Clean and Green Campaign and the Santa Monica Bay Restoration Program, and assessing water quality at marinas in the San Francisco Bay

and Santa Ana Regions. Stakeholders are also being educated through the California Coastal Commission's DockWalkers Program and the Clean Marina Guidebook.

Hydromodification and Wetlands (Ross Clark) – A discussion of the meetings that were held for Hydromodification and Wetlands was presented, and a list was provided by Ross Clark for the SubCommittees' objectives for first year of implementation.

Other Subcommittee Updates

Jack Gregg discussed the current status of the Critical Coastal Area Subcommittee, and announced that the next meeting of the group will be held in San Francisco on April 27th. The subcommittee will be considering potential changes to the CCA implementation plan in order to take advantage of grant funding opportunities that may help fund the restoration or preservation of coastal water resources that are impacted or threatened by nonpoint source pollution.

Margie Lopez Read discussed the status of monitoring and tracking for the IACC, including the bioassessment contract with Fish and Game (CMAP), and the Monitoring Council. Several IACC members expressed an interest in providing input to the formation of the Council. A copy of the draft Monitoring Council charter had been distributed to the group prior to the meeting.

Next Meeting

Next IACC meeting is scheduled for July 24th in Room 2540 of the CalEPA Building. Video conferencing can be made available, if the group requests it. This will be a joint meeting with the SWRCB and RWQCB NPS RoundTable.